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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 4, REGIONAL COOPERATION

1. ITEM 4 WAS TAKEN UP DIRECTLY IN PLENARY ON JULY 21. THE FIVE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES INTRODUCED THE REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. NONE OF THE INTERVENTIONS CONTAINED FRESH MATERIAL OR INITIATIVES.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE SESSION, PAW U, UN SEC OFFICER IN CHARGE OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS GAVE DELEGATION MEMBER A COPY OF A PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS.

3. DEPT'S COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ARE REQUESTED.

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX) ON

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION ADOPTED AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH AND FIFTY-NINTH SESSIONS RESPECTIVELY,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT, AS REQUESTED IN THESE RESOLUTIONS, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN ADAPTING THEIR WORK PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES TO CONFORM TO THE DECISIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES,

NOTING FURTHER THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR OR UNDP AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO BE EXECUTING AGENCIES OF SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS UNDER CONDITIONS INDICATED IN THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX) MENTIONED ABOVE,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION, ARE THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS TO ACT AS THE CENTRES FOR THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROMOTION ALSO OF INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS,

APPRECIATING THAT, AS INDICATED IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (E/5835) EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AMONG THEMSELVES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF SUCH GLOBAL BODIES AS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP AND UNDP.

WELCOMING THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY UNCTAD IV CALLING FOR MEASURES OF SUPPORT WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD GIVE TO THE PROGRAMME OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

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1. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO THE DEVELOPING REGIONS TO PRESENT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS, AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR A PRACTICAL PROGRAMME IDENTIFYING FIELDS IN WHICH CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BE PROMOTED;

2. ALSO REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECE, BEARING IN MIND THE UNCTAD DECISION CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE

PROGRAMME OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO PRESENT
TO ECE SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN
THE
ECE REGION COULD GIVE SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMME CONCERNED;

3. REQUESTS FURTHER THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AT THE INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, TO WORK OUT A PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES
FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS IN THE FIELD OF CO-OPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

4. RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF SUCH GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS
AS UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP AND UNDP TO INTENSIFY THEIR CO-OPERATION
WITH THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO
MAKING THEM CENTRES FOR THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION
AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE SIXTY-
THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN THE SECRETARIATS OF THE
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE CO-
OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. RECOMMENDS TO THE ACABQ AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO
ENABLE THEM TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD BE OF DIRECT
BENEFIT TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF CO-OPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING IN CONSIDERATION THE
POSSIBILITY OF ADAPTING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN
ORDER TO PROMOTE LONG-TERM SECONDMENT OF PERSONNEL FROM HEAD-
QUARTERS TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS.

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